

that Chairman LEAHY and I will continue to, with outside input, perfect this bill, and am confident in our House counterparts to do the same.

I am committed to moving this legislation forward and hope that we can join efforts to refine and enact this bill.

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COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

• Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, last week, we paused in remembrance of the Armenian genocide, which was carried out by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. Nearly 2 million Armenians were deported, and approximately 1.5 million of those deported were killed.

It is imperative that we recognize the horrific acts carried out against the Armenian people as genocide and I will continue to stand with the Armenian American community in calling for the Government of Turkey to acknowledge it as such. The occurrence of the Armenian genocide is a widely documented fact supported by an overwhelming collection of historical evidence.

I was deeply disturbed 2 years ago when the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia was fired after he used the term "genocide" to describe the mass slaughter of Armenians. I called for Secretary Rice to closely examine what I believe is an untenable position taken by the U.S. Government.

I will continue to push for the acknowledgement of the Armenian genocide, and I offer the Armenian people my condolences.●

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HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, in honor of American troops who have lost their lives overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan I wish to make sure their service and sacrifice is forever memorialized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Since I last included the names of our fallen troops on February 15, the Pentagon has announced the deaths of 101 troops in Iraq and in Operation Enduring Freedom, which includes Afghanistan. They will not be forgotten and today I submit their names into the RECORD:

SSG Shaun J. Whitehead, of Commerce, GA; SSG Ronald C. Blystone, of Springfield, MO; PFC John T. Bishop, of Gaylord, MI; 1stLT Timothy W. Cunningham, of College Station, TX; LCpl Jordan C. Haerter, of Sag Harbor, NY; CPL Jonathan T. Yale, of Burkeville, VA; SGT Guadalupe Cervantes Ramirez, of Fort Irwin, CA; 1stLT Matthew R. Vandergrift, of Littleton, CO; PVT Ronald R. Harrison, of Morris Plains, NJ; SPC Steven J. Christofferson, of Cudahy, WI; SGT

Adam J. Kohlhaas, of Perryville, MO; PO1 Cherie L. Morton, of Bakersfield, CA; AA Adrian M. Campos, of El Paso, TX; CPL Benjamin K. Brosh, of Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Lance O. Eakes, of Apex, NC; SSGT Jason L. Brown, of Magnolia, TX; 1stSGT Luke J. Mercardante, of Athens, GA; CPL Kyle W. Wilks, of Rogers, AR; SPC Arturo Huerta-Cruz, of Clearwater, FL; SGT Joseph A. Richard III, of Lafayette, LA; CPL Richard J. Nelson, of Racine, WI; LCpl Dean D. Opicka, of Waukesha, WI; SGT William E. Allmon, of Ardmore, OK; SPC Jacob J. Fairbanks, of Saint Paul, MN; SGT Jesse A. Ault, of Dublin, VA; SGT Shaun P. Tousha, of Hull, TX; TSgt Anthony L. Capra, of Hanford, CA; SPC Jeremiah C. Hughes, of Jacksonville, FL; SSG Jeffery L. Hartley, of Hempstead, TX; MAJ Mark E. Rosenberg, of Miami Lakes, FL; SGT Timothy M. Smith, of South Lake Tahoe, CA; SPC Jason C. Kazarick, of Oakmont, PA; SGT Michael T. Lilly, of Boise, ID; SSG Jeremiah E. McNeal, of Norfolk, VA; SGT Richard A. Vaughn, of San Diego, CA; COL Stephen K. Scott, of New Market, AL; MAJ Stuart A. Wolfer, of Coral Springs, FL; SSG Emanuel Pickett, of Teachey, NC; CAPT Ulises Burgos-Cruz, of Puerto Rico; SPC Matthew T. Morris, of Cedar Park, TX; PFC Shane D. Penley, of Sauk Village, IL; SGT Nicholas A. Robertson, of Old Town, ME; SPC Charles A. Jankowski, of Panama City, FL; SSGT Travis L. Griffin, of Dover, DE; SGT Dayne D. Dhanoolal, of Brooklyn, NY; SGT Jevon K. Jordan, of Norfolk, VA; MAJ William G. Hall, of Seattle, WA; SPC Durrell L. Bennett, of Spanaway, WA; PFC Patrick J. Miller, of New Port Richey, FL; SGT Terrell W. Gilmore, of Baton Rouge, LA; CPL Steven I. Candelo, of Houston, TX; CPL Joshua A. Molina, of Houston, TX; SPC Gregory B. Rundell, of Ramsey, MN; SSG Joseph D. Gamboa, of Yigo, Guam; PVT George Delgado, of Palmdale, CA; SSG Christopher M. Hake, of Enid, OK; PFC Andrew J. Habsieger, of Festus, MO; CPL Jose A. Rubio Hernandez, of Mission, TX; LCpl Dustin L. Canham, of Lake Stevens, WA; SSG William R. Neil Jr., of Holmdel, NJ; SGT Thomas C. Ray, II, of Weaverville, NC; SGT David S. Stelmat, of Littleton, NH; SGT David B. Williams, of Tarboro, NC; PFC Antione V. Robinson, of Detroit, MI; PFC Tyler J. Smith, of Bethel, ME; TSgt William H. Jefferson, Jr., of Norfolk, VA; SGT Gregory D. Unruh, of Dickinson, TX; SSG Michael D. Elledge, of Brownsburg, IN; SGT Christopher C. Simpson, of Hampton, VA; SPC Lerando J. Brown, of Gulfport, MS; CPL William D. O'Brien, of Rice, TX; SFC Collin J. Bowen, of Millersville, MD; SFC Shawn M. Suzch, of Hilltown, PA; SSG Ernesto G. Cimarrusti, of Douglas, AZ; SSG David D. Julian, of Evanston, WY; CPL Robert T. McDavid, of Starkville, MS; CPL Scott A. McIntosh, of Houston, TX; SSG Juantrea T. Bradley, of Greenville, NC; SPC Dustin C. Jackson, of Arlington, TX; PFC Tenzin L. Samten,

of Prescott, AZ; SSG Laurent J. West, of Raleigh, NC; SGT Phillip R. Anderson, of Everett, WA; SPC Donald A. Burkett, of Comanche, TX; CAPT Torre R. Mallard, of OK; CPL Jose A. Paniagua-Morales, of Bell Gardens, CA; SGT Gabriel Guzman, of Hornbrook, CA; SPC Steven R. Koch, of Milltown, NJ; SGT Robert T. Rapp, of Sonora, CA; SSGT Christopher S. Frost, of Waukesha, WI; SPC Orlando A. Perez, of Houston, TX; SPC Micheal E. Phillips, of Ardmore, OK; CPL Kevin S. Mowl, of Pittsford, NY; LCpl Drew W. Weaver, of St. Charles, MO; SPC Keisha M. Morgan, of Washington, DC; CAPT Nathan R. Raudenbush, of PA; SGT Conrad Alvarez, of Big Spring, TX; CPL Albert Bittton, of Chicago, IL; SPC Micheal B. Matlock, Jr., of Glen Burnie, MD; SSG Bryant W. Mackey, of Eureka, KS; CPL Chad D. Groepper, of Kingsley, IA; CPL Luke S. Runyan, of Spring Grove, PA.

We cannot forget these men and women and their sacrifice. These brave souls left behind parents and children, siblings and friends. We want them to know the country pledges to preserve the memory of our lost soldiers who gave their lives for our country.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING KEVIN WEBB

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Mr. Kevin Webb of Glasgow, KY. Mr. Webb was recently chosen to be one of eight speakers at the first ever Ticket to Work Partners Summit held in Louisville, KY.

In March 2008 the Social Security Administration launched the Ticket to Work Partners Summit to bring together over 400 of Social Security's partners who actively engage Social Security disability beneficiaries in work through the Ticket to Work Program. Mr. WEBB was chosen to be one of eight speakers nationally to discuss how they have benefited from this program.

With the help of the Social Security Administration, Mr. Webb was able to start his own business in April 2006. Today he is a proud co-owner with his father, Ron Taylor, of Webb/Taylor Horseback Riding and Boarding.

Prior to becoming a successful business owner, Mr. Webb was faced with a number of difficult challenges in finding employment. Despite all of the setbacks and obstacles he had to overcome, Mr. Webb never gave up on his dreams and continued to search for a job that made him happy.

Mr. Webb applied for a grant given to five individuals each year by the Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities and the State vocation rehabilitation for startup funds for new businesses. With the grant and a fully funded Plan for Achieving Self Support from the Social Security Administration, Mr. Webb and his father were able to launch the Webb/Taylor Horseback Riding and Boarding.